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FROM : Ch/D/GG
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Research Aid

COMMENT:

As a research aid for economists, paper I has one main weakness: that of emphasis. It gives about equal attention to all the work of D/GG, although some of this work (e.g., evasion geography, safe areas, covert travel, geodesy, gravimetry, Antarctica, etc.) will be of little interest to economists. Especially since they are not allowed to see much of it. On the other hand, some phases of D/GG work that could be of considerable value to economists do not receive appropriate emphasis (e.g., our know-how and know-where regarding: civil divisions, economic, and demographic maps and data; our basic interest in locating practically everything the economists want to locate; the common interests we share with the economists regarding land use, economic effects of political boundaries, location and dispersal of industry, movement patterns, etc.). Also, the discussion of the division's self-initiated work does not give representative or economist-oriented picture, even though this work contains much material of potential interest to economists.

RECOMMENDATION:

Divide into two parts. Part I to be a once over lightly for the whole division and its work (somewhat on the order of your paper, but a little more detailed. Part II to single out and hit hard those aspects of the division's interests, capabilities, intelligence holdings, support work, and written products that would be of particular interests to economists. Part II should include, inter alia, a check list of subjects on which our interests overlap somewhat with those of the ERA, and 2 or 3 examples of instances in which D/GG has made significant contributions to the solution of ERA research problems. In the treatment of our self-initiated work,

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it would be desirable to list the titles (with very brief comments after some) of about 20 studies and articles prepared during the last 2 years that offer substantial data in which economists might be interested.

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If you and [REDACTED] concur in the above recommendation we will supply you with a check list and titles of our publications.

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